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Pat Gallen Honoured by Legion



Pat Gallen enjoying pot luck supper

By Stewart Smith

What a lovely idea!

About 40 people gathered in the Wilberforce Legion Hall on Friday evening, March 1, to honour Pat Gallen. He was present to enjoy the evening, and the tributes offered to him.

Pat Gallen was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, in 1912. He came to Toronto in 1927, and worked at City Dairy, and then in the Boiler Room of the Parliament Buildings.

In World War Two he served with Ontario Tanks, driving tanks in Italy, the Middle East, North Afri-

ca, France, Holland, and Germany. He adds, "I lost some tanks."

After the War he returned to Toronto, and worked at General Motors. Since 1949 Pat and Phyllis Gallen have had a cottage on the Grace River, at the edge of Wilberforce. When he retired, in 1974, they moved here.

Pat Gallen was a Charter Member of the Wilberforce (Branch 624) of the Royal Canadian Legion, and continues to be an especially active member.

The evening began with a pot luck supper with a mul-

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Hospital Futures Study

By Stewart Smith

The North Hastings District Hospital Futures Study Committee reported at an Open House in the Bancroft Legion Hall, on Thursday, February 29. About 50 people or couples attended by 6:30 p.m.

They found a series of displays to be read in sequence. They could also talk with Committee members and other health care providers.

Steve Elson, Executive Director of the Hastings & Prince Edward District Health Council, spoke with the Courier.

This is a Role Study, the first

step of 9 in a Capital Redevelopment Project for a hospital facility in North Hastings. Most of the displays told the present situation, and seemed rather obvious to residents. But, insisted Steve Elson, "Common Sense is not good enough. We need to have the data, and evidence," to present to [distant] decision makers.

From these panels he points especially to a graph showing the massive increase in population in the summer in this area: probably four to five-fold.

Then he pointed

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Sciencescope

North '96

By Stewart Smith

Friday, February 23 was Sciencescope day; and the Bancroft Legion Hall was filled to overflowing.

Row after row of tables displayed the projects of some 130 students from every school in North Hastings. Students were from Grade 4, to High School. With so many projects, on so many different topics and discoveries, it was difficult to concentrate.

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COUNTY RESTRUCTURING

by Ann W. Smith

Reeve Bill Howe's report to Bicroft Council

Representatives from all the municipalities in Haliburton County have been meeting to discuss restructuring and have come up with 6 options. The preferred options are

1) have an upper tier (county) only and no townships (lower tier) or

2) have the upper tier and amalgamate several lower tiers. They are aiming to reduce the number of municipalities from the present 10 to 4 to 7. The size of the county council would be reduced. Howe emphasised

that the discussions are still in the analysis stage. However change is coming and Haliburton County has a golden opportunity to lead the way.

The leaders of the County want something that would have the least impact on the employees, but will improve the level of services. Howe is sure that attrition will take care of over-staffing.

All the minutes relating to restructuring will be distributed to the municipalities.

There will be public meetings to keep the general public informed and give them a chance to ask questions.

National Heritage Week

By Stewart Smith

National Heritage Week, the third week in February, was celebrated at the Historic Red Cross Outpost in Wilberforce with a Games Day, on Thursday, February 22.

About 20 people gathered in the

afternoon to enjoy board games, including Court Whist, and Dominoes.

A larger crowd came in the evening to play Cribbage, Dominoes, Fish, Court Whist, and even Euchre - and enjoy Lunch.

People of different generations

enjoyed each other's company, as the adults of the community were joined by the Girl Guides of both Wilberforce and Gooderham.

This was the second annual Heritage Week Games Day at the Red Cross Outpost building.



Enjoying Court Whist, Dominoes, and other games at the Wilberforce Red Cross Outpost Historic House

International Women's Day

Tamarack Women's Resource Centre

Come celebrate International Women's Day, at Tamarack Women's Resource Centre, Bancroft, on Friday, March 8th, with pot luck

lunch at noon, followed by videos:

* "Rising Up Strong" a special 1 hour National Film Board history of the women's movement (1 pm), and
* "Fried Green Tomatoes" at 2 pm.

International Women's Day was first celebrated in North America in 1967 (1910 in Europe) in memory of women's first demand for equal

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Lions Donate to Hospital



Art Tompsett, for the Bancroft Lions, presents cheque to Hospital Administrator Donna Robinson for the Fund Development Committee while other Lions look on

By Ann W. Smith

Several members of the Bancroft and District Lions Club gathered at the North Hastings Hospital on March 1 to give a cheque for \$5,000 to Administrator Robinson for the Hospital's Fund Development Committee. This was the completion of the Bancroft Lions' commitment to donate \$10,000 to this fund.

Lions at the presentation were Mike Burns, Jack Hattin, Cecil McAlpine, Don Osborne, Bill Perrin, Dennis Purcell, Art Tompsett, Bill Watson and Cecil White.

Gordon Allan reviewed the history of the Committee. The Fund Development Committee was formed 2 years ago by volunteers with Bill Wiggins as Chairman.

The first project was to buy and install an X ray machine which cost

\$140,000. Other purchases have included a heart monitoring machine, an autoclave for sterilizing equipment, and various other needed items.

The hospital administration is encouraged by the generosity of organizations and individuals which indicates how important the hospital services are to the community.

Workers Compensation Discussion

IS WCB A BURDEN ON EMPLOYERS???

By Dana Graham

Cam Jackson's WCB [Workers Compensation Board] discussion paper exceeds all our expectations. Although we were relieved that there would be consultation prior to the drafting of a Bill, this paper simply puts the October 1992 employer PLMAC document into a series of questions. It never mentions problems which injured workers face in the system. It claims to reflect the dialogue from the Royal Commission but ignores worker submissions, especially Universal Disability Insurance:UDI. It's as if the only problem is the burden WCB places on employers.

The paper is based on the premise that if you tell a big enough lie enough times, people will begin to believe it. This paper is based on four bold lies: 1) Ontario's assessment rates are higher than other jurisdictions 2) injured workers are over-compensated 3) soft tissue injuries and occupational disease are seldom work related 4) experience rating and health & safety are somehow connected

CASES FOR INTERVENTION

The paper uses the period between 1984 and 1994 to develop its financial analysis. This ignores the effects of Bill 165 and its reduction in indexing protection for certain injured workers. Jackson

sets the unfunded liability at \$11.4 billion and predicts that it will rise to \$14 billion in 2014. The paper does not point out that \$11.4 billion in 1994 dollars has the purchasing power of \$25 billion in 2014 dollars, based on 4 percent annual inflation. Therefore if projected to 2014, the unfunded liability will plummet from \$25 billion to \$14 billion if nothing changes. The Board has no debts...has never borrowed a dime and has an investment fund of \$6.8 billion which will be worth \$34 billion in 2014, based on a return of 8 percent annually (in the last few years it has earned about 10 percent annually). The paper makes the claim that the

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POLICE

Mail Boxes

Bancroft O.P.P.

Sometime during the evening of Friday, Feb 23 - Saturday, Feb 24, unknown person(s) damaged fourteen mailboxes along the South Baptiste Lake Road in Herschel Township.

Insurance

Recently, there have been several vehicles stopped by officers on patrol and these vehicles were uninsured by the owners.

The owners are being charged with this offence which carries a minimum penalty for the first offence of \$503.00 plus the surcharge.

Cheque to Community Policing

By Stewart Smith

The cheque was for \$350.

It was presented by Ken LaPalm, of Trenton, an agent for Prudential Insurance of America. It was a part of \$30,000 which Prudential Insurance is donating to various Community Policing Committees, for Public Awareness and Crime Prevention.

The cheque was presented on Wednesday afternoon, February 28, in Cardiff, to Margje Fults, representing the Bicroft/Cardiff Community Policing Committee. The money will certainly be used to raise community awareness and help prevent crime.

Specifically, the money will help cover the cost of a Crime Prevention Handbook which is being prepared by the Bicroft/Cardiff Community Policing Committee, and which should be ready for distribution about July, 1996.

This Crime Prevention Handbook, about 25 to 30

pages thick, will contain information of value to every resident of the two townships. That is why it will be distributed FREE to every household.

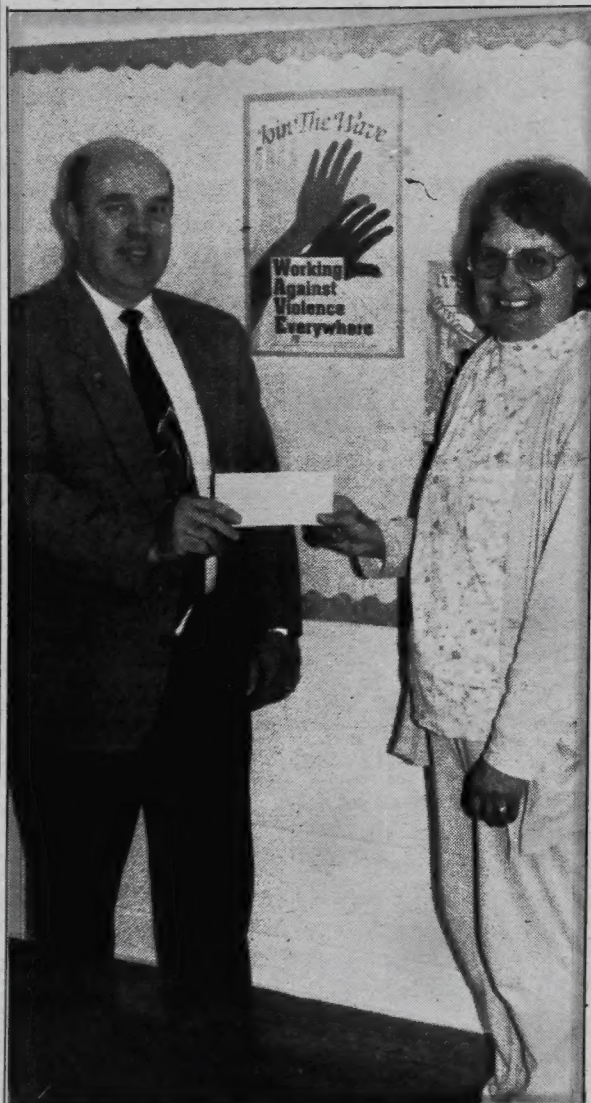
In the Cardiff Townsite (Bicroft Township) it will be distributed door-to-door.

In Cardiff Township books will be distributed from the Municipal Office.

Production and printing of the booklets will cost about \$1,000, of which \$350 has now been covered by Prudential Insurance.

Ken LaPalm lives in Stirling, and has the Northern Area of the Kingston District of Prudential Insurance. The District extends from Cornwall to Cobourg, and north to Barry's Bay.

After announcing its plans, Prudential Insurance received 76 requests for help. Every request received some donation, although not all could receive the maximum \$500.



Prudential's Ken LaPalm gives cheque to Community Policing's Margje Fults

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Public Service Employees Union on Strike

By Stewart Smith

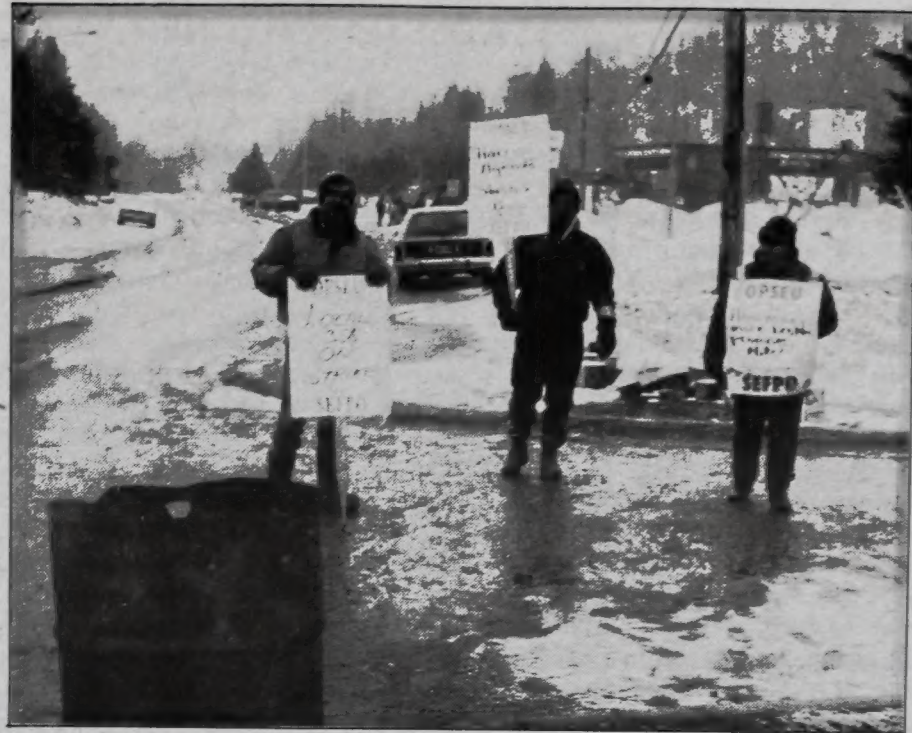
"We all know that there's going to be down-sizing and cut-backs. We understand that," insists Randy Jessup President of Local 356 of the Ontario Public Service Employees Union. "There are going to be lay-offs." But, "It's how it's going to be done - is our biggest concern."

Over 50,000 people are on strike across Ontario - and 154 on strike in this area - for specific issues. Chief among these are Pensions and Seniority.

Pensions "The government proposes: they want to control our pensions," Randy Jessup explains. They want the ability to limit them to people over 65.

But is there not an "80 factor?" Yes. Such a retiree must wait until 65 before collecting a pension, or take up to 50% reduced pension.

OPSEU tells: "Marilyn is 50 years old and has 26 years' service... Before Bill 26, she would have been able to re-



Pickers at the M.T.O. buildings in Bancroft

tire on Factor 80 in two years...Marilyn is laid off. Because she is within 2.5 years of early retirement...under every option the government is offering, Marilyn will lose big money."

Seniority "The government has no regard for seniority," Mr. Jessup charges. He then speaks of a provision for a 2 week notice for a lay-off of up to 3 months. That is scant time to get one's finances in order.

The result is the Public Service

strike - the first strike for most of the government employees in this area.

OPSEU Local 356 includes the workers with: MTO (Transportation); MNR (Natural Resources); Revenue; Solicitor General (Court workers); Assessment Office; O.P.P. civilian support staff; Corrections - Probation and Parole. Ambulance workers are not in a legal position to strike.

These various Ministries cover a territory often extending from Ka-

ladar to Renfrew, Algonquin Park, and Kinmount.

Essential services are maintained during the strike - especially regarding safety on local highways.

The arrangement with the Government calls for Highway:

* Plowing of 12 cm. of snow - or of heavy slush; * Sanding in conditions of freezing rain.

Phone calls overheard by this writer place the emphasis on emergency highway work -

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Snowarama Great Anyway

by Ann W. Smith

The first Snowarama in North Hastings was considered to be a success in spite of the thaw and rain that spoiled many of the snowmobile trails for the February 24 date set for this event.

Ten determined members of the Paudash Trail Blazers rode into Bancroft on their snow machines. Many other members of the 3 snowmobile clubs taking part in the Snowarama came in road vehicles to make sure their pledges were delivered.

The rally place for the participants was the Bancroft Legion Hall.

During the afternoon Legion Vice Presidents John Gilchrist and Stan Peaver presented a cheque to cover the cost of the use of the Hall.

The pledges gathered by the participants were to raise money for the Easter Seal Society. This organization does great work to help children with physical disabilities

to get the care and treatments they need. Some of the services provided include nursing, camping, support for families, wheel chairs and research.

The service clubs in the area who looked after the financial side of the Snowarama were the Bancroft Lions, the Maynooth Lions and the Apsley Lions. The job of the Lions was to verify the pledge sheets, make out receipts and count the amount of money turned in.

The amount of money received by the following Wednesday was almost \$12,000. More was expected to come from people outside the area.

Food was supplied by Cheryl Mills and helpers Carrie and Jamie Pater-son. It included chili, hot dogs, beef and chicken soup, donuts and beverages. The use of the kitchen was donated by the Legion Ladies Auxiliary. The proceeds from the sale of food has

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Fred Agnew Memorial Hockey Tournament

By Stewart Smith

The Second Annual Fred Agnew Memorial Hockey Tournament was played, in the Monmouth Arena Wilberforce, on Friday and Saturday, February 23 and 24.

This tournament is played in honour of Fred Agnew, of Wilberforce, who collapsed and died on the ice of Bancroft Arena in December, 1994 while playing the hockey which he so much loved.

This tournament brought together 12 teams, in the Gentleman's League level of hockey. They can be introduced through their first round of play.

* Harcourt Lumber defeated Gooderham
* Wilberforce Rockets defeated Donaldson Electric.
* Haliburton Storm

defeated the Harcourt Misfits.

* Paulmac defeated the Wessels Purple Hearts.

* Pizza Pizza Flyers defeated The Untouchables.

* The Greg Pilon team defeated the Bill Winstanley team.

Gentlemen's Hockey is for players over the age of 18. This tournament presented two period games, with 15 minutes stopped time per period.

Treacherous weather conditions probably reduced the number of spectators. Saturday evening produced the all too common conditions this winter: fresh snow, falling on

warm pavement, melting instantly to form smooth ice, with additional falling snow reducing visibility to danger levels.

The "B" Semi-final pitted Wessels Purple Helmets against the Gooderham Imperials, in something of a mis-matched and slow game. Gooderham won, to move on the "B" Finals.

The "A" semi-finals was a much more exciting event, pitting the Wilberforce Rockets against Paulmac's of Bancroft.

Fast action took the teams from end to end of the ice, and back again.



Action between Wilberforce Rockets, and Paulmacs

But the Rockets soon translated their superior strength into scores.

Called the "Visitors," they raised

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EDITORIAL**GUEST COMMENTARY**

By: Jules Sobrian, MD
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The Canadian public has complained ad nauseam about the justice system. Instead of action to remedy the situation, the government continues to provide smoke screens to cover their failure to correct this problem. The recent gun control legislation Bill C-68 being a case in point.

Policemen are hired, trained and equipped at great public expense, and then sent out on the streets to apprehend criminals of all stripe.

This however is where justice slows down if not ends. The Crown Attorneys, either because of insufficient evidence, inadequate case preparation, or unwillingness to burden our prison system with more inmates, bargain away the majority of the offenses for a confession to a lesser charge.

When this feeble effort is presented before a court, the judge...finds every reason among the many privileges bestowed on criminals by the Charter of Rights and Freedoms to dismiss the case with little regard for the victims, past, present, or future.

A blatant recent example of this failure of the law took place on Flag Day.

When the Prime Minister found himself drowned out by a group of bullhorn equipped demonstrators, he left the stage. But instead of going towards his waiting limousine, he proceeded in a different direction: towards the smallest of the protestors.

Television news pictures clearly showed our Prime Minister, without the consent of the other person, seizing him by the neck and face and then flinging him down. A picture in Maclean's magazine showed the attacker in action, with a mean, vindictive expression on his face as he assaulted the totally surprised Bill Clennett.

In contravention of Section 265 of the Criminal Code, this is called "Assault."

Did the police do their duty and arrest the criminal [the assailant]? Indeed not! They pounced on the hapless victim, pinning him to the ground possibly to protect the criminal from retaliation. This reminds me of the \$2 million spent on security to protect Paul Barnardo at his trial.

Did the Justice Minister come forward and insist that the Prime Minister step down in view of his criminal behaviour? I haven't heard it if he did. Did the media - which screamed for more gun control to protect the public - make any outcry to see justice done? You tell me.

Nothing was done - we are told because the victim did not press charges. It was up to the police to press charges when an obvious crime of vio-

Flo Elliott Writes from Wilberforce**TWO STEP ANYONE?**

Remember waltzing to Wayne King the Waltz King, or doing the old box step to Guy Lombardo, or jiving to Glen Miller's "In the Mood"?

It seems old fashioned today, and I'm sure the young people would laugh themselves silly if they could have seen us gliding around the floor, dipping and swooping.

But we had fun and we smiled and laughed a lot to prove it.

Not so today.

I watched a musician group on television the other night and I couldn't believe how serious they were. In fact they had the scowl down to perfection, and used it freely on everyone in sight. I wonder if it was their hair that made them so unhappy? One of the boys had such a lot of hair, but it hadn't been combed since he grew it, I'm sure.

But perhaps not, since another boy was as bald as a badger, but he had his guitar down around his knees and it was hard to reach. So maybe that was his problem.

These were supposed to be international musicians with gold and platinum discs to their credit. I was really surprised to hear this because I couldn't understand a word they were singing. You have to give them credit though, they could really jump around and drag their instruments with them. I guess what they lack in musical ability they make up in enthusiasm.

I have to tell you about the girl who was a special guest: another "in-

ternational star." Her clothes were two sizes too small and she was looking determinedly glamorous with artificially mussed hair. There she stood, very beautiful, with the mike touching her lips. But she was trying to sing with her mouth closed, so as not to disturb her make-up, I suppose.

She at least looked nice. The boys' clothes looked as if they were made by a funky tailor. One boy actually was like a rag bag as he gyrated around the stage, trying to shake the dust off himself, I guess.

Listen to me, making fun of the clothes today.

I remember when we wore slacks called "strides". They were so narrow at the ankle you had to take off your shoes to get them on. And from the ankle up, the legs got bigger. What a sight! But we loved them.

And how about those "zoot suits." Were they classy, or what! I even used to stare at those, especially the big brimmed hats.

So every age has its fads and fancies, and the old ones always think the young have gone too far. What does the future hold for today's rock and rollers, I wonder. Will their children scoff at their music and styles?

Yes, they very likely will. It seems what goes around comes around.

Whatever they do, I hope they learn to smile and lighten up. The world has enough frowns and tears. It would be nice to depend on our young-for light hearted gaiety.

Snowarama Money for Easter Seals

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Michael Bachynski (Timmy), Amber Constable (Tammy) and Kaitlin Hartford are helped by Easter Seals

lence was committed.

Or is the Prime Minister "above the law"? Stevie Cameron wrote a book by that name about the [next to] last Prime Minister. If Canadians condone this kind of privileged "justice", then they surely deserve a system they presently pretend not to enjoy.

Our liberal justice system claims that violence is caused by poverty, dysfunctional families, unemployment, and a drug subculture. If that were true, then what made a multi-millionaire from a model Catholic family, who holds the highest public service job in the land, turn to violence? I know nothing of the Prime Minister's drug habits. But I suspect the truth is that like his fellow criminals he has no fear of punishment from this expensive joke we call the law.

been pledged to contributions of Easter Seals.

Sharon Holman, President of the Bancroft and District Chamber of Commerce, was

thrilled by the fact that all three snowmobile clubs got together to plan this event. She praised them for their good team work.

She is looking forward to future events involving the clubs and hopes that the Snowarama will become an annual event in this area.

The clubs taking part were the Paudash Trail Blazers, led by Glenn Healey, Old Hastings Snow Riders represented by Stewart Wilson and the Maple Leaf Snow Skimmers represented by George Milligan.

Some of the clubs had merchandise for sale with their own logos. Holman also praised the merchants in the area for their generous

prizes for the draws - about \$5,000 worth - and time spent in the planning stages.

Local children were chosen to be Timmy and Tammy to represent the Easter Seal Society.

Tammy is Amber Constable of Maynooth. Timmy is Michael Bachynski of Hermon. Presentations were made to them by Lavern Stapley on behalf of the Bancroft Business Improvement Association.

The tickets for the main prizes were drawn by Isabelle and Clyde Saunders, the senior citizens of snowmobiling.

Reeve Lloyd Churchill welcomed everyone on behalf of the Bancroft Council and North Hastings.

Background music with a country flavour was supplied by Gerard Mumford, John For-eman, John Mumford, Sam Sicker and Newt Young.

Faraday Holds Yaskolskie Memorial Fun Day



"Cutting taxes next" came to everyone's mind as Deputy Reeve Peggy Boorman and Clerk Liz Mackey sawed a log

By Stewart Smith

Faraday Township held its 5th Annual Leonard Yaskolskie Memorial Fun Day, on the grounds of Faraday Community Centre, on Sunday afternoon, February 25. Close to 100 people attended at least some of the afternoon events.

Most of the Fun Day took place outdoors, under a beautiful blue sky, and in an ideal although slightly nippy winter's day.

There were snowshoeing races, on a course across the lawn of the Community Centre and Fire Hall.

There were log sawing contests - to the delight of

participants and spectators alike.

There were nail driving contests, in the vehicle bay of the Fire Hall.

There were horse drawn sleigh rides offered by Faraday resident Danny Bierworth.

Indoors, members of the Recreation Committee offered hot dogs, coffee, tea, pop, and hot chocolate.

There were also movies by VCR for those who wished. But most people preferred - that day - to be outdoors.

The Leonard Yaskolskie Memorial Fun Day was planned and sponsored jointly by the Faraday Volunteer Fire Department,

and the Faraday Recreation Committee.

The next major event planned by the Recreation Committee is a BBQ Steak Dinner and Dance, on March 23, in the Community Centre. Recreation Committee members point out that admission to the steak dinner is by advance tickets only, so that the proper number of steaks can be ordered.

Leonard Yaskolskie was an active community worker, and a member of Faraday Township Council when he was killed in a collision on Highway 28 during treacherous winter conditions.

Hospital Futures Study Report

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to the number of elderly. The proportion of elderly is greater than the provincial average - and is growing. Retirees are moving here, attracted partly by the health care facilities. "Having the hospital here is an important factor," he insists. It also attracts business to the area.

Mr. Elson even has comforting words for the present Hospital facility. "The building itself isn't in any immediate need," he maintains. "There has been a fair amount of money put into it to keep it up to standard."

Dr. Greg Cooper is less complimentary. "[The building] is getting by in terms of passing codes," he agrees. But it is "in need of replacement in the very near future - We've heard that for the past five years."

The last two displays outlined future possibilities.

"Explore, in partnership with the County of Hastings and Hastings Centennial Manor, opportunities to maximize the integration of the services of the Manor and North Hastings District Hospital," urged one paper.

Yes, agreed Steve Elson, this does mean serious consideration of a hospital on the Centennial Manor grounds. Now the citizens must answer, "Are there any barriers to the re-location of the facilities?"

A Proposal sheet emphasizes the Emergency Care role of the hospital. It would, "Continue to respond to all emergencies on a 24 hour per day, 7 day per week basis."

It would also offer "basic inpatient medical care for conditions such as pneumonia, angina, asthma, chest pain, emphysema, etc."

Not in that list is "obstetrical" care. "Only a fairly small num-

ber of births are here now - maybe 25 a year," Steve Elson notes.

Dr. Carolyn Brown expects the change would be more apparent than real. "We would expect about the same number." But "They will be designated 'Emergency'."

Other help is on the way. "We have had a doctor in town today [February 29] who has basically made an agreement to come here full time," Dr. Greg Cooper reports with glee, "to establish a full time family practice." This would lighten the Emergency Room burden on the other doctors.

There have also been Locum [replacement or supply] doctors from Trenton covering in the Emergency Room.

Steve Elson also points to "a policy of the government" to pay Physicians "\$70 per hour for week-end, night, and holiday" Emergency Room coverage.

Cardiff Legion Valentine Dance

By Stewart Smith

"We hope this will be an annual thing," proposed Lloyd Morgan, of the Cardiff (Ont. 566) Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion.

He was looking over the Cardiff Legion Hall as it was prepared for the Valentine Supper and Dance, on Saturday evening, February 17.

The evening had been planned by the Executive Committee, which donated and cooked the food. Gary Kellar was Chairman of the Valentine's Committee.

Places were set for 32 couples; and the 62 tickets had sold "very fast." More people would come later for the dance.

DJ for the dance was James Thompson, of Trenton. He donated his time, and the facilities of his "Clarity Sound" business for the

evening. He can be contacted for other engagements at 613-394-1847.

The next major

event for the public, at the Cardiff Legion Branch, will be the Casino Night, planned for March 30.

Celebrate Women's Day

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pay in New York garment factories in 1857.

Tamarack & Maggie's join 1,000 agencies in endorsing the Ontario Women's Declaration, drafted by a coalition of women's, anti-poverty, and labour groups, calling for a moratorium on social service cuts. It will be presented to Premier Harris on March 8th.

MARCH IN JUNE The same day, details of a nationwide Women's March Against Poverty, to Ottawa, will be

announced by the National Action Committee on the Status of Women (NAC) & the Canadian Labour Congress. As a NAC member, Tamarack will be participating in the "Bread & Roses, Jobs & Justice" March in June.

"Dressed to Kill" (Grismaier & Ross) shows that wearing a bra more than 12 hours daily increases the risk of breast cancer 21 times. Wearing it to bed - 125 times the risk.

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Dear Amy

Dear Amy,

I am hearing so much about people being "born again." President Jimmy Carter was "Born Again."

Chuck Colson of the "Watergate Scandal" is now "Born Again."

I hear it on the radio, and on TV. In fact, it seems that every time I turn around, someone is talking about being "Born Again".

I really do not understand it. Amy, can you explain it?

- Born Once

Dear Born Once:

You remind me so much of the prominent ruler Nicodemus in the Scripture who came to our Lord Jesus Christ and asked Him the very same question. My answer to you will be much the same as the one Jesus gave to Nicodemus at that time.

In order to be Born Again, I have to come to the place where I realize that I am a sinner and that if I want to spend eternity in Heaven instead of Hell I have to do something about my sin. This is much the same thing as realizing that I am sick and deciding to make an appointment to see the doctor.

After this, I discover that there is nothing that I can do to save myself, since the Bible says that it is not by my good works that I am saved.

Following this, I try to digest the fact that the Great God of Heaven loved me so much that He gave His son Jesus Christ to be punished for my sin.

At this point the onus is on me; I have to make a decision. Will I reach out and accept what Jesus did for me, trust Him as my Saviour - or will I keep on trying to work it out by myself?

If I reach out for this gift of Salvation, I become a Christian, (Christ in Me), A Child of God, Saved, Born Again. These terms all mean the same thing. What actually happens is that God implants His Spirit within me and my Spirit becomes alive to God. When I die, my eternal destiny will be in Heaven since I now belong to Him.

Almost everyone's favourite verse of Scripture is John 3:16: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

I pray that you will become "Born Again" - not just "Born Once", but "Twice".

- Sincerely, Amy

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Shrove Tuesday at Cardiff Church



Austin Fults as a pancake chef

By Stewart Smith

Tuesday, February 20, was "Pancake Day" - the traditional Shrove Tuesday which precedes the forty days of Lent leading to Easter.

I learned only this year that the pancakes were to use up any fat or grease in the house, before the Lenten fast would start. The day is celebrated in many places by special pancake suppers.

One such was held in Cardiff United Church. It was organized by the men of the church, including:

Austin Fults, Gary Simmons, Craig Mumford, and Bill Richards.

These did the cooking, in the church kitchen. They used a recipe from, "Let's Break Bread Together II" a cookbook prepared by Meadowood

United Church, of Winnipeg, Manitoba (published by Derksen Printers Ltd., Steinbach, Manitoba) in the early 1990's. The pancakes were made from whole wheat flour and rolled oats, and were the most satisfying and filling that this writer has enjoyed.

The supper also included sausages, and fruit, including generous portions of fresh, sliced pineapple.

More than 40 people attended the supper. They were seated at tables, and were served by members of the Cardiff United Church Sunday School.

This was the first such Shrove Tuesday pancake supper in Cardiff United Church for "quite a while." Will it become an annual event? We certainly hope so.

Workers Compensation

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Ontario average assessment rate of \$3.00 per \$100 pay roll is 32 percent higher than the national average and 40 percent higher than the Great Lake states. The comparison is one of apples and oranges. The experience rating off-balance (\$263 million in 1994) brings the real average rate down to \$2.53. Only 70 percent of employers participate in the system. Those which are excluded tend to be sectors which would have very low rates; some as low as 23 cents per \$100 pay roll! If 100 percent of employers were in the system, the new average rate could put Ontario about in the middle of the Canadian spectrum. Not bad for a province with a trad-

itional manufacturing and resource based economy.

In order to compare apples to apples, comparisons must be made industry to industry.

The average auto parts assessment rate in Ontario is \$4.56 per \$100 pay roll compared to \$4.92 in Quebec, \$6.84 in Texas, \$5.35 in Ohio, \$9.07 in Minnesota and \$5.04 in North Carolina.

The manufacturing of medical devices, a high tech industry, has a similar pattern: \$1.25 in Ontario, \$1.34 in Quebec, \$3.27 in Texas, \$3.16 in Ohio, \$2.97 in Minnesota and \$1.78 in North Carolina (all of these jurisdictions have a health care payroll tax. Ontario - 1.95%, Quebec - 3.75%, and the U.S. stat-

es are all 1.45%). Other than Quebec, none of these worker's compensation systems pay the same benefit levels as Ontario.

The auto industry is Ontario's most important manufac-

turing sector. According to Toronto Star automotive analyst Alex Law, "Ontario is the cheapest place in the developed world to build cars." **CONTINUED**

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OPSEU Strike

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not on completing paper-work in an office regarding operations.

"I had to declare emergencies that the government didn't do," complains Randy Jessup. But conditions are not "business as usual." He warns, "You're going to have to drive with more caution - or avoid driving, if at all possible."

The strikers are asked to do picket duty for 20 hours a week. For this they receive \$100 per week (to a maximum \$140 for families with more

dependents).

Strikers are permitted to supplement this with odd jobs which leave time for the picket duty. Specifically, any citizen who needs odd jobs done (cleaning snow off a roof, etc.) should call the Union Office, at 613-332-3809. "That's not strike-breaking," Mr. Jessup maintains. "I have no problem with that."

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"Relatively Speaking"- by Theatre Guild



Philip (Don Hughes) hugs his wife, Sheila (Linda Neary), and daughter Ginny (Jenise Crossing) - or some relation or other - while Greg (Steven Martz) looks on

By Stewart Smith

"With parents like you two, I think I'd apply for an orphanage," young Greg (played by Steven Martz) tells his future mother-in-law. "She's not my daughter," Sheila (played by Linda Neary) insists several times, until Greg finally listens. What, really, is

the relationship among these four people: two younger, and two older? That is what the play, *Relatively Speaking* is about. We will be able to watch and enjoy this light-hearted comedy, presented by the Bancroft Theatre Guild, in the Bancroft Village Playhouse, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday March 14 to 16, and Mar-

ch 21 to 23.

Written by Alan Ayckbourn and copyright 1968 (produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.) this play is set in England. Can you catch the several references which pinpoint the decade in which the action would have to take place?

Alan Ayckbourn writes: "In general, the people who liked this play when it was first seen remarked that it was 'well constructed'; those that didn't called it old-fashioned...I did set out consciously to write a 'well made' play. I think that this is important for a playwright to do at least once in his life." Directing the play is Hans Meyn. Jennifer Warr is Producer.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Wednesday, March 13 Highland Grove Lunch. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Highland Grove Community Centre. Note the Wednesday.

Saturday, March 16 Deadline for Advertising in the next Cardiff Courier

Thursday, March 21 Distribution Day for the next Cardiff Courier.

Saturday, March 23 B.B.Q. Steak Dinner & Dance at the Faraday Community Centre. \$20 per person. Advance tickets only Social Hour 5:30. Dinner 6:30 to 8:30. Dance to follow. Call 613-332-3638.

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The husband of Sheila is Philip, played by Don Hughes.

The younger woman is Ginny played by Jenise Crossing.

By the way, what is a "moral schizophrenic"?

Tickets are av-

ailable at the Harvest Moon Whole Foods; the Great Escape Book Store; and the Algonquin Arts Council office - or at the door, if additional seats are available.

Vandalized Vehicle

Bancroft O.P.P.

On Friday, March 01, police responded to a vandalism complaint on Highway 620 near Coe Hill.

A Pontiac 6000 was located on the side of the road apparently out of gas. Unknown persons had smashed

all the windows out of the vehicle.

Const. Edd White is continuing to investigate this incident.

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Fred Agnew Memorial Hockey

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ed the score to 3 - 1 by the end of the 1st period, and continue to score in the second period.

Though a well played game, and not rough, this was still dogged by misfortune.

Less than 3 minutes into the game, a Referee was hit in the face by the puck. The game was delayed while a temporary and substitute referee was found.

Action around the Paulmac goal later

dislodged the net, and a fresh hole had to be drilled in the ice to re-fasten the net.

A high flying puck in the second period hit a child in the arm. Carried away in pain, he was afraid of a broken arm, although this writer suspects that the injury was likely a painful bruise.

The "B" Championship game pitted Gooderham against the Winstanley team.

The "A" Championship game pitted the Greg Pilon team against the Wilberforce Rockets.

Wilberforce won this - and the Tournament trophy.

Next year's tournament is presently scheduled for Feb. 24, 25, 26, 1997. The contact is Rick Huffman, at (705) 448-2484.

Report Accidents

Bancroft O.P.P.

Did you know that it is a Provincial offence not to report any motorized snow vehicle accident where there is personal injury, damage to prop-

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Sciencescope North '96

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Zoe Williams, of Paudash Public School, will be taking her Tectonic Plates project to Quinte Science Fair

Ashley White, of we forgot to get the student's name - tested the burning friction by rolling a toy car down 6 different surfaces. Newspaper provided the most friction; while popsicle sticks gave the least. "Which bridge will hold the greater amount of weight: # 1 the Quadrangular Warren Bridge, or # 2 the Pratt Bridge?" Deep into this engineering experiment, Samuel Martin and Adam Spence of Bancroft Christian Academy, found that the more triangles in the construction, the stronger was the bridge.

At that time, those going on to the Quinte Science Fair - Belleville, March 30, were announced:

Another project -

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BICROFT TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

by Ann W. Smith

The regular meeting of the Bicroft Township Council took place in the Council Chambers on Thursday evening, February 22. One councillor, Bill Stevens, was absent.

Margje Fults attended Council with

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- *Logan Krupa & Justin Bryan
- *Zoe Williams
- *N.H. High School
- *Gary White & Gary Plunkett
- *Bryce Pilgrim & Steve Sansford
- *Evan Holt
- Our Lady of Mercy
- *Laura Quinn & Meghan Christiansen
- *Joe Burroughs
- *Natalie Peters & Joanne Lonergan

Organizers of this, the 36th annual Sciencescope North, were Jan Coombs and Jim Brockley, with the assistance of all school staff.

The Bancroft Branch 181 of the Royal Canadian Legion presented a cheque to the Sciencescope Committee to cover the rent of the hall.

ended Council with a request from the Bicroft/Cardiff Community Policing Committee. Council gave its approval for a Community Christmas Tree Lights Evening with special events.

Bicroft Fire Chief Bill Foote and Fire Fighter Cameron McKenzie met with Council to report on their talks with Cardiff Township Fire Department about a form of amalgamation of the services of the 2 departments. They have also presented their recommendations to Cardiff Township Council which was receptive to their suggestions.

They would function as 1 Fire department but still use their current communication systems and work within existing budgets for the rest of the year.

Advantages to Bicroft would include the fact that the Cardiff

No.2 Hall is closer to the Dyno Estates which would improve that community's insurance rates. Also Cardiff has a fully equipped supply truck which Bicroft does not.

Advantage to Cardiff would be the expertise of Bill Foote and Cameron McKenzie who are both qualified instructors whereas Cardiff has none. Cardiff also does not have enough fire fighters licensed to drive the trucks. Bicroft Council approved of the report and asked that the Council have a representative at the joint meetings of the 2 fire departments. Kim Vardy was designated with Bill Stevens as her deputy.

Council acknowledged a donation of \$164 from the Cardiff Community Club towards the upkeep of the Community Centre.

Correspondence from OMERS (Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System) invited the council to send a delegate to a seminar planned for May 29. It was resolved to send Deputy Clerk Fran Clark.

Hugh Smale, Vice President of Cardiff Legion, asked for, and received, Council's approval so that the Legion can apply for a Gaming Licence

from the Province for Crown and Anchor and Black Jack for a Monte Carlo Night.

The Library Committee reported that the Library open times have been reduced by 2 hours. Cathy Passaretti has reported the need for another rack for paper back books.

The Recreation Committee still needs more members. Council had accepted Michele MacKinnon's application for a place on the Committee at a previous meeting. At the February meeting they accepted the application of Jacqueline Thomas Phillips. The last Committee meeting only had 3 people present so could not make any major decisions. They did exchange many ideas for increasing revenues.

Much of the revenues come from the Concession Booth at the Ball Park. However there are not enough volunteers to look after it. More money is needed for the pool and ball expenditures. Hours at the pool might have to be reduced.

Reeve Howe's report included information about the Lagoon. Funding for its improvement has been approved but approval for the project has not come yet.

Pat Gallen Honoured

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Warren Bowen added memories of working with Pat and Phyllis, who were tireless volunteers for the Legion. Joyce Gillies, a Past President of the Branch, added, "Patty has kept this Branch going. ..Thank you very much. I think you are a great guy." Bob Anderson, a former President of Minor Hockey, recalled that "Pat got the Legion involved [as a] sponsor of Minor Hockey. The evening concluded with a Karaoke led by Rick Moody, Bob Ash, and Christine Rose, all of the Cardiff Legion.

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Gilmour School Closing?

Jennifer McMurray Despite inclement weather, the Gilmour School was crowded on the evening of February 20, 1996.

Parents and non-parents gathered to select a committee to prepare a study regarding the proposed closing of Gilmour Public School.

The committee selection of four parents (having a child in attendance at school) and four non-parents (ratepayers) will consist of the following members:

- *Jennifer McMurray (chairperson)
- *Andrew McMurray
- *Doug Robbins
- *Michael Tadman
- *Doug Burkitt
- *Barb Sanderson
- *Sheila Baverstock
- *Chris Saylor

A public meeting will be announced at a later date for the committee to receive input from community members.

The committee would like to express our gratitude to the community for their enthusiastic support at the meeting of February 20, 1996.

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